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KRONE, CDU BUNDESTAG FACTION CHAIRMAN WHO IS CLOSE TO CHANCELLOR
AND NEARLY ALWAYS REFLECTS HIS VIEWS, YESTERDAY IN PRIVATE
CONVERSAION EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN THAT ANXIETY TO REACH AGREE-
MENT IN NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD SEEMED BE LEADING TOWARD IDEAS
OF NEW STATUS BERLIN INVOLVING DIVISION OF CITY. THIS WAS PRICE
WHICH MUST NOT AND NEED NOT BE PAID TO MAINTAIN WEST'S RIGHTS
THERE.

(IN COURSE SEPARATE CONVERSATION. GLOBKE TOLD US MOST IMPORTANT
PART SECRETARY'S SPEECH WAS "HINT" THAT WEST MIGHT CONSIDER
CHANGE BASIS FOR WESTERN PRESENCE BERLIN FROM OCCUPATION RIGHTS
TO SOME SORT CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD LAST UNTIL REUNIFI-
CATION. GLOBKE EXPRESSED NO OPINION IN THIS CONNECTION, BUT IN
VIEW KRONE ALSO HARPING SAME POINT, SEEMS LIKELY CERTAIN PASSAGES
SECRETARY'S SPEECH THUS INTERPRETED BY CHANCELLOR AND MEN CLOSE
TO HIM.)

POSITION KRONE PREFERRED WAS CONTINUED INSISTENCE BERLIN PROBLEM
BE SOLVED IN FRAMEWORK REUNIFICATION AND UNTIL THAT POSSIBLE NO
REPEAT NO CONCESSION SHOULD BE MADE TO CHANGE PRESENT STATUS. IF
SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE, IT MIGHT BE IN DIRECTION OF STRENGTHENING
AND PERHAPS FORMALIZING TECHNICAL, CULTURAL PERSONAL CONTACTS
BETWEEN TWO PARTS OF GERMANY. HE WOULD NOT, AS SPD ADVOCATES,
FORMALIZE THESE RELATIONSHIPS BY ESTABLISHING SOME SORT OF
COMMISSION OR AGENCY. HE FEARED SOVIETS HAD ACHIEVED WEAKENING OF
SITUATION ALREADY, IN THAT SIGHT HAD BEEN LOST OF STATUS AND
UNITY OF WHOLE CITY AS THE ISSUE.

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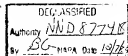
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KRONE SAID HE NOT WORRIED BY SECRETARY'S NEW YORK SPEECH TO NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL, MEANING OF WHICH DISTORTED AND EXAGGERATED BY CERTAIN GERMAN JOURNALISTS. IT WOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE IF AMERICAN PEOPLE GREW TIRED OF VIGILANCE AND BURDENS DEFENSE BUT HE DID NOT SEE ANY SIGN OF THIS IN SECRETARY'S STATEMENT WHICH SEEMED REALISTIC APPROACH TO LIVING WITH CERTAIN PROBLEMS INSOLUBLE IN PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES. HE PROBED GENTLY ON BACKGROUND AND POSSIBLE EFFECT EVIDENT U. S. CONCERN ABOUT PAYMENTS IMBALANCE, AND COMMENTED THAT WITH RESPECT MILITARY EFFECTS SITUATION REMINDED HIM OF THAT AT TIME RADFORD PLAN EPISODE WHEN HE WAS LAST IN U. S. THREE YEARS AGO. HE SAID IT FULLY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT U.S. SHOULD IN CIRCUMSTANCES SEEK WAYS IMPROVE PAYMENTS BALANCE AND LOOK TO PARTNERS TO SHOULDER GREATER SHARE INTERNATIONAL BURDENS.

KRONE HAD SEEN CHANCELLOR BRIEFLY ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON AND FOUND HIM SATISFIED WITH DISCUSSIONS THERE. HOWEVER, KRONE CAME BACK REPEATEDLY TO POINT THAT BRITISH WERE STILL THINKING ABOUT ZONES OF INSPECTION AND CONTROL AND EXPRESSED HIS EARNEST WISH THEY WOULD GIVE UP ENTIRELY SUCH DISENGAGEMENT-LIKE IDEAS.

FINALLY, KRONE ASKED SOMEWHAT WISTFULLY WHAT WE THOUGHT OF DE GAULLE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD NATO AND EXPRESSED HIS OWN PERPLEXITY ABOUT HOW TO LIVE WITH SUCH AN ALLY. FRENCH STATEMENTS ON ODER-NEISSE HE SAID, WERE INEXPLICABLE, UNNECESSARY AND UNFORTUNATE, AND CAUSED INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES FOR CHANCELLOR.

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